

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;

a printer;

identification card media, the identification card media including at least one predefined identification card boundary; and

computer readable media containing computer instructions capable of causing a programmable computer operatively connected to the camera, the printer, and to a user interface, to:

prompt the user to input the user's name at the user interface;

present a preview of the identification card to the user, the preview being updated upon entry of each letter of the user's name;

cause the camera to take the user's photograph;

cause the printer to print identification card indicia including at least the user's name and photograph onto the identification card media within the predefined identification card boundary; and

store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph being associated together within the memory.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

written instructions provided to the user for manipulating the identification card media with the identification card indicia printed thereon to produce the photographic identification card.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the written instructions are instructions printed on paper.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the written instructions are instructions presented to the user on a display screen.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user inputs the user's name at the user interface by swiping a driver's license through a magnetic card reader.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user inputs the user's name at the user interface by selecting a name from a pick list.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the user inputs the user's name at the user interface by spelling his name on either a keyboard or a touchscreen keypad.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the camera is a webcam.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the computer instructions are further capable of causing the programmable computer to display on a display screen for the user a preview of the identification card indicia in an arrangement that is substantially identical to an arrangement on which it will be printed onto the identification card media, thereby allowing the user to see a preview of the photographic identification card.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the camera and the printer are housed within a self-serve kiosk.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the printer is a desktop printer.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the desktop printer is a color inkjet printer or a color laser printer.

14. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a log creation module, the log creation module capable of retrieving names and photographs of a plurality of users for whom photographic identification cards have been created, and generating reports pertaining thereto.

15. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein:

the system retains data pertaining to the user after a first visit by the user;

upon a second visit, the user can recall the retained data for use in creating a second identification card such that the user can avoid certain information entry steps that were required of the user upon the user's first visit.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 15~~ A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;

a printer;

a computer operatively connected to an operator interface the camera, and the printer, the computer being programmed to:

prompt the user to input the user's name at the user interface;

cause the camera to take the user's photograph;

cause the printer to print an identification card including at least the user's name and photograph;

store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph defining retained data;

wherein the system prompts the user upon a first visit to enter an email address and the system stores the retained data in association with the email address; and

upon a second and subsequent visit by the user the user can enter the email address whereupon the system will recall the retained data and use the retained data in printing a second identification badge.

17. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a bar code reader, and wherein the identification card indicia printed on the identification card indicia includes a bar code which can be read by the bar code reader.

18. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card indicia printed onto the identification card includes additional information entered by the user.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card indicia printed onto the identification card includes information previously entered by the user over an Internet connection.

20. (Currently amended) ~~The system of claim 1~~ A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;
a printer;
computer operatively connected to the camera, the printer, and to a user interface,
the computer being programmed to:
prompt the user to input the user's name at the user interface;
cause the camera to take the user's photograph;
cause the printer to print an identification card containing at least the user's name and photograph;
store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph defining retained data;
wherein the identification card indicia printed onto the identification card includes information previously entered via interaction with an electronic messaging and calendaring system.

21. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card indicia printed onto the identification card includes additional information entered by someone other than the user.

22. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card boundary comprises a boundary of the identification card media, the identification card media being less than a full size 8-1/2 x 11 inch sheet and less than an A4 size sheet.

23. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card boundary comprises at least one die cut within the identification card media.

24. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card media comprises a printable facestock releasable adhered to a liner, the facestock having at least one die cut and one weakened line therein, such that the media may be printed upon by a single pass through the printer, and the facestock thereafter peeled away from the liner and folded along the weakened line to form a two-sided identification badge.

25. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the identification card media comprises a paper label sheet.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 1~~ A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;

a printer;

computer readable media containing computer instructions capable of causing a programmable computer operatively connected to the camera, the printer, and to a user interface, to:

prompt the user to input the user's name at the user interface;

cause the camera to take the user's photograph;

cause the printer to print an identification card including at least the user's name and photograph;

store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph defining retained data;

wherein the computer instructions include a system administrator card layout function that allows a system administrator to determine a selection and an arrangement of the identification card indicia that will be printed onto the identification card.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 1~~ A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;

a printer;

computer readable media containing computer instructions capable of causing a programmable computer operatively connected to the camera, the printer, and to a user interface, to:

prompt the user to input the user's name at the user interface;

cause the camera to take the user's photograph;

cause the printer to print an identification card including at least the user's name and photograph;

store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph defining retained data;

wherein the computer instructions include a system administrator field function that allows a system administrator to determine a selection and number of data fields which must be completed by a user before an identification card will be printed for the user.

28. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the computer instructions include a photo retake function that allows a visitor to preview an image of a first photograph taken of him by the camera, and allows the visitor to initiate the taking of a second photograph for printing onto the identification card instead of the first photograph.

29. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a signature capture device operatively connected to the computer, and wherein the user is prompted to sign at the signature capture device thereby creating a captured signature, the captured signature being stored in memory in association with the user's name and photograph.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the identification card indicia printed onto the identification card further includes the captured signature of the user.

31. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
a card scanning device for scanning identification cards produced by the system.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the card scanning device is a card scanning device for logging a user out when the user exits the facility.

33. (Original) The system of claim 32 wherein the computer instructions are further capable of causing the computer to create a list of all users currently within a facility in accordance with users for whom identification cards have been printed and users who have been logged out.

34. (Currently amended) ~~The system of claim 33~~ A system for producing a photographic identification card and tracking visitors comprising:

a camera for taking a photograph of a user, the photograph defining a user's photograph;

a printer;

computer readable media containing computer instructions capable of causing a programmable computer operatively connected to the camera, the printer, and to a user interface, to:

receive the user's name at the user interface;

cause the camera to take the user's photograph;

cause the printer to print an identification card including at least the user's name and photograph;

store to non-volatile memory the user's name and photograph, the user's name and photograph defining retained data;

a card scanning device for scanning identification cards produced by the system;

means for logging visitor entries and exits based at least in part on said scanning, and for producing a list of all users currently within a facility in accordance with users for whom identification cards have been printed and users who have been logged out;

wherein the list is sent electronically to an emergency governmental entity.

35.-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently amended) A method of controlling access to a secure facility comprising:

(a) providing at an entrance to a facility a camera, a user interface, and a printer;

(b) prompting a visitor to the facility to input his name to the user interface;

(c) taking a photograph of the visitor via the camera;

(d) printing via the printer an identification card for the visitor, the identification card including at least the visitor's name and photograph; and

(e) allowing the visitor to access the facility using the identification card; and

~~wherein steps (b), (c), and (d) are performed without security personnel physically present at the facility entrance~~

(f) providing a person at a location remote from the facility entrance, the remote person performing step (e) based upon successful completion of steps (c) and (d).

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Original) A method of controlling access to a secure facility comprising:
providing at a first facility entrance first equipment using which a first visitor can make a first photographic identification card for himself, the first equipment including a first computer interface;

providing at a second facility entrance second equipment using which a second visitor can make a second photographic identification card for himself, the second equipment including a second computer interface;

providing an attendant at an attendant location that is remote from the facility entrances, the attendant capable of communicating electronically with visitors to the facility entrances to provide assistance to visitors at a plurality of separate facility entrances in making the identification cards for themselves.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54 wherein the identification cards are photographic identification cards.

56. (Original) The method of claim 54 wherein the assistance comprises audible assistance using two-way voice communication.

57. (Original) The method of claim 56 wherein the first and second computer interfaces are operatively connected to at least one computer, the method further comprising:

providing to the attendant an attendant terminal operatively connected to the at least one computer; and wherein:

the assistance further comprises the remote attendant sending commands to the at least one computer thereby rendering it unnecessary for the first visitor to enter data that would otherwise be entered by the first visitor using the first computer interface in making an identification card for himself.

58.-59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~59~~54 wherein:

the first equipment includes a first computer running a web browser program;

the first computer is operatively connected through the browser program to a web server; and

the web server creates ~~the~~an electronic record of the identification ~~card~~cards.

136. (Canceled)

137. (New) A system for producing a photographic identification card comprising:

a computer operatively attached to a camera and a user input device for taking a first user's photograph, and storing said photograph in association with the first user's name and an email address for the first user;

the computer being programmed to prompt a subsequent user to input an email address, and if the email address input by the subsequent user matches the first user's email address, causing a printer to print a photographic identification badge featuring at least some information corresponding to said first user.

138. (New) The system of claim 137, wherein said at least some information corresponding to said first user comprises a photograph and a name of said first user.